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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

Please cancel all pending claims (123-171) and substitute the following claims 172-220:

172. A fluidic sample analysis cartridge for analyzing a particle-containing liquid sample, comprising:

a sample inlet having an inlet shut-off interface;

a convoluted, nonporous sample storage channel in fluidic connection with said inlet, wherein the storage channel has a plurality of particle capture regions;

a first analysis channel in fluidic connection with said storage channel and in fluidic connection with a first analysis region comprising access to